

**John Connolly to George Washington, June 7, 1774,  
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**FROM DOCTOR JOHN CONNOLLY.**

FORT DUNMORE June 7th. 1774.

DEAR SIR.

I have by the Bearer hereof acquainted His Lordship with the late Murders committed by the Savages upon our Inhabitants in this quarter: and at the same time, have taken the liberty to make a Requisition of assistance, & to recommend some Matters to His Lordship's consideration.

I shall here take the liberty of speaking to you, well knowing that you must be a competent Judge of measures necessary to be pursued, upon this critical occasion.—As the Shawanese have for these some years past constantly shook the Tomahawk over our heads, & threatened to strike should our People ever attempt to pass below the Kanhawa; a Stockade there for very many & obvious Reasons must be necessary, & another one opposite to Hokocking River; from which places we may be enabled to send terror into their Country for the present, & keep them from annoying our Settlements; & hereafter will forever deter them from daring to affront our Adventurers in the prosecution of their lawfull designs down the Ohio. Mr: Croghan intends going to Williamsburgh: you must well know how specious He is, but you may be assured that His business there is not for the publick good, but to answer private, & ungenerous designs; which I hope you will use your utmost

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to defeat <sup>1</sup>—His principle View is to endeavour to secure his Indian Grant in Virginia, after the great Government Scheme is blown over; which like the Mountain in labor has bro't forth a Mouse. As He is specious where unknown He may impose & carry points; but I can assure you on the Word of a Man of Honor, that if the Legislature of Virginia listens to him, that He will involve the Colony, in trouble, & difficulties, nothing to its credit—I could unfold many matters scarcely credible, but I forbear.—I am afraid that the Shawanese have been told that they were to permit no People to Settle on the Ohio, below the Kanhawa. —

This Place is in such confusion that I must beg leave to finish this hasty Scrawl by subscribing Myself.

Dr Sir Your obliged Frd & Servt: JNO: CONNOLLY.

<sup>1</sup> "Mr. Croghan, who has been grossly abused by our Bashaw [John Connolly], lately is gone to Williamsburg to represent every part of his conduct to the Governour and Council, in its true light; although others doubt, I am very certain Mr. Croghan is earnest and sincere respecting that intention, for he joins the rest of the inhabitants, in charging all our present calamity to the Doctor's account."—Eneas Mackey to Governor Penn, American Archives, Fourth Series, Vol. i. p. 471.